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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.4/2025/Co-op

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 13th January, 2025

29th Dhanu, 1200.

S. R. O. No. 46/2025

WHEREAS, under sub-section(1) of section 70A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the Government shall constitute



such number of Co-operative Arbitration Courts as are necessary to exercise the powers and discharge the functions conferred on it under the Act;

AND WHEREAS, as per G.O.(P) No.1/2003/Co-op. dated 2nd January, 2003, and published as S.R.O. No.4/2003 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.8 dated 2nd January, 2003, the Government have constituted a Co-operative Arbitration Court with jurisdiction over the entire State of Kerala with its Headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram;

AND WHEREAS, as per G.O.(P)No.147/2010/Co-op. dated 11th August, 2010 published as S.R.O. No.827/2010 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1913 dated 18th August, 2010, the Government have made partial modification of the notification issued under G.O.(P) No.1/2003/Co-op dated 2nd January, 2003, published as S. R. O No. 4/2003 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No 8 dated 2nd January, 2003, and constituted one more Co-operative Arbitration Court with jurisdiction over the seven northern revenue districts of Thrissur, Palakkad. Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod as Co-operative Arbitration Court (Northern) by bifurcating the area of jurisdiction of the existing Co-operative Arbitration Court with headquarters at Kozhikode. The existing Co-operative Arbitration Court renamed as Co-operative Arbitration Court (Southern) and limit its jurisdiction over the revenue districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki and Emakulam with headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram;

AND WHEREAS, the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 has been amended by Act 9 of 2024 and sub- section (2) of section 70A of the said Amendment Act, provided that "the Presiding Officer of the Arbitration Court



shall be an officer of and above the rank of a Munsiff - Magistrate of the Judicial Service.";

AND WHEREAS, sub-rule(4) of rule 67 of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Rules, 1969, provided that "the Presiding Officer of the Court shall be an officer of and above the rank of a Munsiff - Magistrate (Civil Judge-Junior Division) of the Judicial Service appointed by the Government on deputation basis.";

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Kerala in consultation with the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala have decided to constitute a Co-operative Arbitration Court with jurisdiction over the entire State of Kerala, with its headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram, to exercise the powers and to discharge the functions conferred on it under the said Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (2) of section 70A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the Government of Kerala, in consultation with the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, hereby in super-session of G.O.(P) No.1/2003/Co-op dated 2nd January, 2003, published as S.R.O. No. 4/2003 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.8 dated 2nd January, 2003 and G.O.(P) No.147/2010/Co-op. dated 11th August, 2010 and published as S.R.O. No.827/2010 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1913 dated 18th August, 2010, constitute a Co-operative Arbitration Court, with jurisdiction over the entire State of Kerala, with its headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram, to exercise the powers and to discharge the functions conferred on it under the said Act, and the Presiding Officer of the Court shall be an officer of and above the rank of a Munsiff-



Magistrate (Civil Judge - Junior Division) of the Judicial service appointed by the Government on deputation basis.

By order of the Governor,
DR. Veena N. Madhavan,
Special Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As per sub-section (1) of section 70A of the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969), the Government shall constitute such number of Co-operative Arbitration Courts as are necessary to exercise the powers and to discharge the functions conferred on it under the Act. As per G.O.(P) No. 1/2003/Co-op dated the 2nd January, 2003 and published as S.R.O. No 4/2003 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 8 dated 2nd January, 2003, the Government have constituted a Co-operative Arbitration Court with jurisdiction over the entire State of Kerala with its headquarters at Thiruvananthapuram. As per G.O. (P) No.147/2010/Co-op dated 11th August, 2010, published as S. R. O No. 827/2010 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.1913 dated 18th August, 2010, the Government have made partial modification of the notification issued under G.O.(P) No.1/2003/Co-op dated 2nd January, 2003, published as S.R.O No. 4/2003 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No 8 dated 2nd January, 2003, and constituted one more Co-operative Arbitration Court with jurisdiction over the seven northern revenue districts of Thrissur, Palakkad. Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod as Co-operative Arbitration Court (Northern) by bifurcating



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This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

